

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are amended. Claim 12 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. New claims 31-48 are added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Turocy at the interview held August 4, 2005, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

In section 2, on page 2, the Office Action requests that the Applicant correct any errors of which the Applicant may become aware in the specification. Applicant is not currently aware of any errors in the specification. If Applicant becomes aware of any errors in the specification in the future, Applicant will correct those errors as requested by the Office Action.

In section 3, on pages 2 and 3, the Office Action objects to Claims 12 and 14 for the specified informalities. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 12 and 14 are clear. The recitations from Claims 12 and 14 specified in the Office Action have been removed by this Amendment. For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the objection to Claims 12 and 14 be withdrawn. Examiner Turocy is thanked for indicating during the August 4 personal interview that the amendment to claims 12 and 14 overcomes this objection. Examiner Turocy is also thanked for memorializing this agreement in the Interview Summary.

In section 5, on page 3, the Office Action rejects Claims 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 8 and 13 are amended. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 8 and 13 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, including the antecedent basis issue raised in the Office Action. Therefore, it is

respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 8 and 13 as being indefinite be withdrawn. Examiner Turocy is thanked for indicating during the August 4 interview that the amendments to claims 8 and 13 overcome this rejection. Examiner Turocy is also thanked for memorializing this agreement in the Interview Summary.

In section 7, on pages 4-6, the Office Action rejects Claims 1-4, 7, 9-12 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Abstract 2000-323276 to Seki et al. (hereinafter "Seki") in view of Japanese Patent Abstract 06-306181 to Hiraga et al. (hereinafter "Hiraga '181") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,130,682 to Kohno et al. (hereinafter "Kohno"). In section 8, on pages 6-8, the Office Action rejects Claims 1-4, 7, 9-12, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,660,545 to Furusawa in view of Japanese Patent Abstract 07-252670 to Hiraga et al. (hereinafter "Hiraga '670") and further in view of Kohno. In sections 9 and 10, on pages 8-10, the Office Action rejects Claims 5, 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Seki in view of Hiraga '181 and Kohno and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,769,756 to Su et al. (hereinafter "Su"). In section 11, on pages 10 and 11, the Office Action rejects Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Seki in view of Hiraga '181 and Kohno and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,296,354 to Hashimoto. In section 12, on page 11, the Office Action rejects Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Furusawa in view of Hiraga '670 and Kohno and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027011 to Hanaoka et al. (hereinafter "Hanaoka"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Hiraga '181 and Hiraga '670 fail to disclose the formation of a plurality of films as recited in the rejected claims. Therefore, it is improper to combine Hiraga '181 and Hiraga '670 with Seki. Further, Furusawa fails to disclose the usage of a gasified material for a plurality of films. All of the rejections apply Hiraga '181 and Hiraga '670 in combination

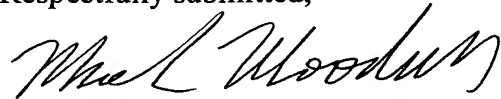
with either Seki or Furusawa. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Hiraga '181 and Hiraga '670 with either Seki or Furusawa fails to disclose, teach or suggest the combinations as recited in the rejected claims. For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejections in Sections 7-12 on pages 4-11 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

Examiner Turocy is thanked for agreeing during the August 4 personal interview that the amendments to the claims appear to overcome all of the prior art rejections. Examiner Turocy is also thanked for memorializing this agreement in the Interview Summary. Regarding Examiner Turocy's indication of a desire to read the disclosure of Hiraga '181 and Hiraga '670 in English, Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,043 to Hiraga et al. The English specification accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement reference corresponds to Hiraga '670.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of Claims 1-11, 13-20 and 31-48 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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